GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3103
ANSWERED ON:05.08.2002
DROUGHT CONDITION IN STATES
AJAY CHAKRABORTY;DINSHA J. PATEL;GADDE RAMAMOHAN;JAI PRAKASH;M.V.V.S MURTHI;PRABODH PANDA;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SURESH CHANDEL;YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of States which have received no rainfalls or have received below average rainfalls this year in the country;

(b) the details of States which have been receiving below average rainfall continuously for the two-three years;

(c) the details of States which have been declared drought affected States due to less rainfall or no rainfall;

(d) whether any estimate has been made on its likely impact on the agricultural production;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(f) the steps proposed to be taken to help the farmers and agricultural laborers;

(g) whether the Union Government have any long term policy or plans to face the drought; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): As reported by the India meteorological Department (IMD), the cumulative rainfallduring current South West Monsoon (1.6.2002 to 24.7.2002) was deficient/scanty in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(b): During South-West Monsoon 2000 (June − September), the cumulative rainfallwas deficient/scanty in States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan while during South-West monsoon 2001 (June to September), it wasdeficient/scanty in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Maharashtra, Manipur, and Sikkim.

(c): Declaration of drought is made by the concerned State Governments.During 2002-2003, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh have so far declared the areas affected by drought in the State.

(d) & (e): According to preliminary estimates, drought like situation during the current South-West Monsoon is likely to impact on the area covered under foodgrains and coarse cereals in the States of Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan andUttar Pradesh, oilseeds in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh,Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and pulses in the States of Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

(f) to (h): Various Central Ministries/ Departments are in constant touch with the affected States and necessary steps are being taken to assist the State Governments to effectively tackle the situation. Related schemes are implemented by various CentralMinistries/ Departments towards long-term measures for mitigation of drought.